

mentioned here, was the man I worked directly for in Vietnam when I was there. He was the Ambassador in Vietnam, one of the ambassadors at that time, and subsequent to his service in Vietnam as you may well know, he was the head of the Central Intelligence Agency under both President Nixon and President Ford. I have maintained relatively close contact with that gentleman, particularly recently. He specifically was the one that called me up and asked me to support a verifiable, bilateral freeze, and I said you are crazy, Bill. We are the other side. We are the ones that are trying to stop these kind of people. And he said, well, would you at least listen to me, and I did, and I am not going through the hours of talks we had but the essence of what he said was two things. Number one, you know I would never do anything that wasn't in the best interest of this country. I said I know that, and he said, I can guarantee you this is in the best interest of this country, and here are a few simple reasons, suggestions that he brought to me. Recognize there are 50,000 of these warheads around and they do have the potential to go off simply like a gun in a house, and if you had 50,000 hand guns, one of them is going to go off accidentally one of these days, and when it goes off, believe it or not, there isn't going to be time for both sides to negotiate, and one side to say, hey, you wouldn't believe this, it is an accident.

SENATOR VARD JOHNSON PRESIDING

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: One minute, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP; It is an accident but in thirty minutes Omaha is going to be obliterated. He said that unless we established the concept of both sides stopping, it is going to get out of control. There has never been a weapon invented in the history of mankind that has not ultimately been used and one of these days it is going to happen. Trouble is these could finish us off. Now I will give you a prediction, and that prediction is that before one year passes you will see the most significant mutual nuclear arms treaty that does even supercede the goals of the freeze and it probably will be brought about by President Reagan with the Soviets. It sounds hilarious, hysterical, unreal but I will bet ere we are here one year from today you will have seen that occur.

SENATOR V. JOHNSON: Time is up, Senator DeCamp.

SENATOR DeCAMP: And the freeze movement in a sense will have almost been leapfrogged. I would suggest you use your conscience and recognize that just because somebody supports the concept of mutual verifiable, which is possible, nuclear freeze or forcing negotiations on it that doesn't mean they are necessarily evil or on the other